

Amendments to the Specification

Please revise the paragraph extending from page 11, line 22 to page 12, line 3, as follows:

Figure 2B next shows that a local loop telephone line can extend from a customer premises 16 to a cable head-end office [[34]] 36, and from the head-end to the switch 20. In this arrangement, switch 20 resides at a cable point of presence (POP), which functions as telephone company central office 12. This arrangement allows the customer premises to receive telephone service over the same coaxial cable that delivers cable-television service to the premises.